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ELECTION OF SPECIES

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the Group I claim 6 and withdraws claims 1-5 and 7-10 without prejudice.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the application, please amend the application as shown below.